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REMARKS

The Examiner's indication of allowable subject matter of claims 1-6 is noted with appreciation.

Claims 1-15 are pending in the application. Claims 2-4 and 7 have been amended to improve claim language. New claims 8-15 have been added to provide Applicants with the scope of protection to which they are believed entitled. The new claims find support in the application as filed, especially FIG. 7 and the specification at pages 15-17. The Abstract and the specification have been revised to be in better form. No new matter has been introduced through the foregoing amendments.

The objections to the Abstract and claim 7 are believed overcome in view of the above amendments.

The 35 U.S.C. 102(b) rejection of claim 7 as being anticipated by Applicant's Admitted Prior Art (*APA*), especially FIG. 2, is respectfully traversed, because *APA* fails to teach or disclose the 4-lead configuration of claim 7. The reference teaches at best only 3 leads as best seen in FIG. 2 of the instant application. Withdrawal of the anticipatory rejection of claim 7 in view of the above is deemed appropriate and therefore respectfully requested.

New claims 8-15 depend from claim 7, and are considered patentable at least for the reason advanced with respect to claim 7. Claims 8-15 are also patentable on their own merits since these claims recite other features of the invention neither disclosed, taught nor suggested by the applied art.

In particular, as to claims 8-9, *APA* fails to teach or suggest that the third lead is different from the fourth lead. *APA*, as applied by the Examiner, discloses that the third (12) and fourth (12) leads are one and the same.

As to claims 9-10, *APA* fails to teach or suggest that the third control voltage is different from the fourth control voltage. *APA*, as applied by the Examiner, discloses that the third (12) and fourth (12) leads are one and the same. Therefore, the control voltage applied to the *APA* third and fourth lead(s) must be the same.

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As to claims 11-12, *APA* fails to teach or suggest that the third lead is not electrically connected to the second electrode of the first LED. *APA*, as applied by the Examiner, discloses the opposite, i.e., the third lead (12) is electrically connected to the second electrode (cathode) of the first LED (14).

As to claims 12-13, *APA* fails to teach or suggest that the fourth lead is not electrically connected to the second electrode of the third LED. *APA*, as applied by the Examiner, discloses the opposite, i.e., the fourth lead (12) is electrically connected to the second electrode (anode) of the third LED (15).

As to claim 14, *APA* fails to teach or suggest that the third and fourth leads are adapted to simultaneously apply said third, positive control voltage to the second electrode of the third LED and said fourth, negative control voltage to the second electrode of the first LED, respectively. *APA*, as applied by the Examiner, discloses that the third (12) and fourth (12) leads are one and the same. Therefore, the control voltage(s) applied to the *APA* third and fourth lead(s) must be simultaneously positive or simultaneously negative. The third and fourth control voltages of *APA* cannot be simultaneously positive and negative, respectively, as presently claimed. See also page 4, lines 8-11 and 15-19 of the specification.

As to claim 15, *APA* fails to teach or suggest that the second LED is configured to emit green light. *APA*, as applied by the Examiner, discloses that the second LED is a blue LED.

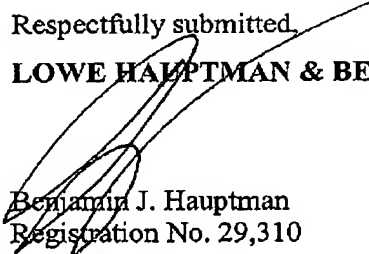
Each of the Examiner's rejections has been traversed. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that all claims are now in condition for allowance. Early and favorable indication of allowance is courteously solicited.

The Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned, Applicant's attorney of record, to facilitate advancement of the present application.

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